

Clemson University

Organization Description

The South Carolina Center on Grassroots and Non-Profit Leadership was formed in 1998 as a result of a collaboration of major foundations, universities, non-profit and faith-based networks, and state agencies. The Center is located within the Institute on Family and Neighborhood Life at Clemson University. It has quickly become a leading intermediary organization in South Carolina.

Project Description

The Center will help build the capacity of rural FBO/CBOs throughout the state of South Carolina. They will offer training, technical assistance, and issue sub-awards. They will leverage expertise and facilities at the University to present distance-learning events and workshops.

Geographic Scope of Project

State of South Carolina.

Partnering Organizations

The Center will establish partnerships with leading South Carolina foundations. They will also partner with rural faith-based and community organizations to deliver on-site technical assistance. They will utilize various networks to help disseminate information throughout the state.

Sub-Awards

The Center will issue \$300,000 in sub-awards. Technical assistance and sub-awards will work together to build capacity of FBO/CBOs to address community needs through adoption of effective practices. In addition to the center's sub-awards, four partner foundations will provide \$575,000 in sub-awards. The funds will be used to assist FBOs and CBOs to adopt effective models to address the priority issues of the Compassion Capital Fund.

Project Objectives

The Center will provide technical assistance and issue sub-awards. Specific objectives include:

1. To assess technical assistance needs.
2. To customize rural technical assistance.
3. To identify diverse organizations.
4. To deliver technical assistance.
5. To evaluate effectiveness of strategies.

Project Strategies

- Conduct an original needs assessments.
- Set up a clearinghouse of information on rural FBO/CBO development.
- Deliver technical assistance through a network of providers.

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- Develop distance-learning events.
- Launch a user-friendly web site dedicated to community development.
- Convene workshops in rural communities.
- Issue \$300,000 in sub-awards to build capacity.

Grant Award Amount
\$1,033,341

